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We are making steady advance in promoting elementary education among the masses ie the rural population of all classes but the cycle of Education does not admit of much expansion and development for want of funds

I have explained to Mr Thornton Chitty that it is not the School policy to keep an unused surplus to the Credit of the Fund to est. for a grant to and from other Sources The Fund does spend Every Penny of its annual income
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The 24 per Cent of Local fees was fixed more than two decades ago - since then the number of School and School going population has increased tho the rate of contribution to the Village School Fund remains the same

The School House Accommodation in Hobbies is of the most unfurnished character - While we are teaching our pupils the rules of hygiene and Sanitation and impressing on them that full and free ventilation a [redacted] foundation

of light are necessary for their health and comfort, we confine them in wretched hovels or in small low ill constructed and extremely ill ventilated temples or private houses. An improvement in this direction, which is urgently and imperatively called for, cannot be effected without more funds.

I would, therefore, suggest that a special Grant of half a lac per annum be allowed from Local Funds General. This is a fund which has accumulated and is accumulating annually out of the cess raised chiefly from agriculturists and it cannot be more beneficially spent than for the extension of the primary education of the people. An announcement of the special grant suggested above, if made at the next Darbar Meeting, will be hailed with joy and produce immense satisfaction.

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